

FORM PTO-1449
 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

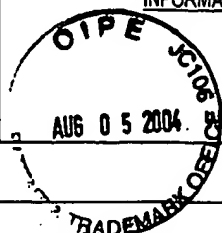
ATTY. DOCKET NO.: 1842-0012

APPLICATION NO. 09/873,699

APPLICANT: Johnson et al.

FILING DATE: June 4, 2001

GROUP ART UNIT: 3764



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
MB	AA	5,445,639	08/29/1995	Kuslich et al.			
	AB	6,383,188	05/07/2002	Kuslich et al.			
	AC	6,575,978	06/10/2003	Peterson et al.			
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION
	AL						Yes No
	AM						Yes No
	AN						Yes No
	AO						Yes No
	AP						Yes No

OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AQ	1	
	AR	1	
	AS	1	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

2-17-06

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

U.S. Patent No.

Inventor

Issue Date

4,262,676	Jamshidi	04/21/1981
4,554,914	Kapp et al.	11/26/1985
5,013,318	Spranza, III	05/07/1991
5,171,248	Ellis	12/15/1992
5,423,824	Akerfeldt et al.	06/13/1995
5,468,245	Vargas, III	11/21/1995
5,522,398	Goldenberg et al.	06/04/1996
5,827,328	Buttermann	10/27/1998
6,127,597	Beyar et al.	10/03/2000
6,440,138	Reiley et al.	08/27/2002

Foreign Pat. No.

Country

Issue/Publication Date

WO99/25253	PCT	27/05/1999
WO99/56675	PCT	11/11/1999
WO99/00074	PCT	07/01/1999
WO99/34737	PCT	15/07/1999

It is believed that no other fees are due for the consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before receipt of the First Office Action. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

November 11, 2003
Maginot, Moore & Beck, LLP
Bank One Center Tower
111 Monument Circle, Suite 3000
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-5115
(317) 638-2922

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael D. Beck
Michael D. Beck
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 32,722

MB

2-17-06

FORM PTO-1449
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

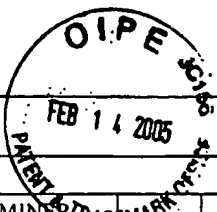
ATTY. DOCKET NO.: 1842-0012

APPLICATION NO. 09/873,699

APPLICANT: Johnson et al.

FILING DATE: June 4, 2001

GROUP ART UNIT: 3764



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	TRADEMARK INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
MB	BA	5,928,239	July 27, 1999	Mirza	606	79	March 16, 1998

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION
						Yes No
						Yes No
						Yes No
						Yes No
						Yes No
						Yes No

OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)


EXAMINER

MB

DATE CONSIDERED

2-17-06

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

FORM PTO-1449 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 	ATTY. DOCKET NO.: 1842-0012	APPLICATION NO. 09/873,699
	APPLICANT: Johnson et al.	
	FILING DATE: June 4, 2001	GROUP ART UNIT: 3764

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
MB ↓	AA	3,030,951	04/24/1962	M.P. Mandarino			
	AB	5,415,660	05/16/1995	Canpbell et al.			
	AC	5,445,639	August 29, 1995	Kuslich et al.			
	AD	5,505,733	04/09/1996	Justin et al.			
	AE	5,505,738	04/09/1996	Hempel et al.			
	AF	5,591,170	01/07/1997	Spievack et al.			
	AG	5,695,513	12/09/1997	Johnson et al.			
	AH	6,068,642	05/30/2000	Johnson et al.			
	AI	6,383,188	05/07/2002	Kuslich et al.			
	AJ	6,575,978	06/10/2003	Peterson et al.			
	AK	6,676,665	01/13/2004	Foley et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	TRANSLATION
MB	AL	WO 97/31577	September 4, 1997	Johnson et al.			Yes No
	AM						Yes No
	AN						Yes No
	AO						Yes No
	AP						Yes No

OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)			
	AQ	1	Howmedica® "I.M. Saw Instructions for Use", 8 pages.
	AR	1	
	AS	1	

EXAMINER <i>MB</i>	DATE CONSIDERED <i>2-17-06</i>
--------------------	--------------------------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.